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AMENDMENTS TO THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 4, first full paragraph:

In the case of the conventional absorbent article shown in FIG. [[7]]_8_, since the outside of the middle-height portion is subject to emboss, the leakage preventing grooves cannot be deeply formed, but according to the present invention from the first aspect, since the width of the middle-height portion is increased and the leakage preventing grooves are formed in the area of the middle-height portion, the sufficient depth of the grooves can be secured, and a lot of body fluid can be stored in the grooves. For this reason, not only front-rear leakage but also sideways leakage of the body fluid can be effectively prevented.